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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM

1. AS EMBASSY PROBABLY AWARE, DAUD GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY NORTH VIETNAM (DRV), SOUTH VIETNAM (GVN), AND HANOI'S SOUTHERN PUPPET, THE PRG (VIET CONG). ON AUGUST 17 LIBERATION RADIO, THE VOICE OF THE PRG, BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DAUD TO THE PRG LEADERSHIP:

(BEGIN TEXT) AFGHANISTAN HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMED DAUD RECENTLY SENT A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN NGUYEN HUU THO AND PRESIDENT GUYNH TAN PHAT. THE MESSAGE READ: MAY I EXTEND WARM THANKS TO YOUR EXCELLENCIES FOR THE FINE MESSAGE IN WHICH YOU CONGRATULATED US AND RECOGNIZED OUR REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. I HOPE THAT THE COURAGEOUS AND MERITORIOUS VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL QUICKLY ACHIEVE PEACE, PROGRESS, AND PROSPERITY, AND THAT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE PRGRSV WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN OUR OWN INTERESTS AND IN THE INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE. (END TEXT).

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2. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT NOTED SIMILAR MESSAGES TO OTHER

VIETNAMESE PARTIES. WHILE FORMAL LANGUAGE CONVEYING
DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO PRG NOT PRESENT, THE DAUD MESSAGE,
AT THE VERY LEAST, STRONGLY IMPLIES RECOGNITION.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY KABUL'S ASSESSMENT THIS
MOVE AND OF DAUD GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS REGARDING RELATIONS
WITH OTHER VIETNAMESE PARTIES, PARTICULARLY THE GVN. (FYI:
GVN PRESENTLY IN MIDST OF DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN, WHICH US IS
SUPPORTING, AIMED AT FORESTALLING SEATING OF PRG AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF SVN AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.
IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE GVN WOULD REJECT ANY MOVE BY
AFGHANISTAN TO RECOGNIZE BOTH GVN AND PRG. IN RECENT
PRECEDENT, SAIGON SEVERED TIES WITH SENEGAL OVER THIS
ISSUE. END FYI.)
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